

**Incoming Ninth Graders-Helpful Hints**  
**Course Selection for Vestavia Hills High School 2016-2017**  
 Course Cards due **Monday, February 29, 2016** to Homeroom Teacher

**Enter Course Requests online through iNOW/Chalkable Home Portal 2/18 – 2/29.**

VHHS has a 7 period day (8:20-3:30) - **Select 7 or 7½ classes.**

(Lunches and Studies will be included in a class period.)

(An Early Bird Class 7:25 - 8:20 can be added if you choose. Students may leave after 6<sup>th</sup> if they take an Early Bird class.)

**Remember to choose - Choose 7 classes + lunch + study or a class (4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>)**

Core Subjects	Core Subjects Offered	Information
<b>English Required</b>	<b>200007 English 9 Advanced</b> <b>200007aa English 9 Advanced EB</b>	Most students take.
	<b>200006ab Honors English 9</b> <b>200006aa Honors English 9 EB</b>	Must meet acceptance requirements: 85 or better in 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Advanced English or 90 or better in 8 <sup>th</sup> grade English. <b>Summer work/reading required.</b>
<b>Social Studies Required</b>	<b>230013 World Hist. &amp; Geo. 9</b> <b>230013aa World Hist. &amp; Geo. 9 EB</b>	Most students take.
	<b>230014ab Honors World Hist. &amp; Geo. 9</b>	Must meet acceptance requirements: Minimum average of 90 in 8 <sup>th</sup> grade social studies. <b>Summer work/reading is required.</b>
	<b>230027aa AP World History</b>	Minimum of 90 in 8 <sup>th</sup> grade social studies. Submit a writing sample and complete the AP application. See VHHS website home page (left side) Course Selection for details. <b>Summer work/reading required.</b>
<b>Science Required</b>	<b>220013 Biology Advanced</b>	Most 9 <sup>th</sup> graders take.
	<b>220012aa Honors Biology</b>	Need to be on A/B Honor Roll in 8 <sup>th</sup> grade <b>and</b> be enrolled in Alg. I or higher in 9 <sup>th</sup> grade, <b>and</b> have an 85 average in 8 <sup>th</sup> grade science.
<b>Math Required</b>	<p>Check the math and science flow charts as you work on the four-year plan on the back of your course card.</p> <p>At course selection time, you are selecting the course <b>next in sequence</b>, either Algebra I or Advanced Geometry. Math Placement will not be determined until April, so at this time your student only needs to choose the next math in sequence. This does <b>not</b> require a teacher signature. Recommended math course will be based on the math placement process and it will be reflected on the <b>Course Verification Form</b> provided for your approval in May.</p> <p>On the iNOW/Chalkable Home Portal and the Course Card to be turned in Monday, February 29th, choose either:  <b>210005 Algebra I/ 210005af Algebra I EB</b> if currently taking Pre-Algebra in 8<sup>th</sup> grade  <b>210012 Adv Geometry/ 210012ab Adv Geometry EB</b> if currently taking Algebra in 8<sup>th</sup> grade</p>	
	<p>Please make sure you read the <b>Course Verification Form</b> carefully when you receive it in <b>May</b>. If, at that time, you agree with math placement, you sign and return your approval on the <b>Course Verification Form</b>. If you DISAGREE with the math placement, follow instructions on the <b>Course Verification Form</b>.</p> <p>In May, the following courses may be recommended:          210008 Algebra I-A (Alg I-B in 10<sup>th</sup>) or          210005 Algebra I or          210012 Adv Geometry or          210011aa Honors Geometry</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>REMEMBER this form will come to you in MAY.</b></p>	

**Electives:** Choose at least 3 classes (Reminder: Some electives are **required** for graduation See Course Description and Selection Guide.)

If taking an Early Bird class and leaving after 6<sup>th</sup> period, choose three electives and Early Release.

<b>Required PE/LIFE</b>	PE/LIFE – 1 credit	See Course Book for classes that satisfy the PE requirement.
<b>Required Career Preparedness</b> <b>40026 Career Preparedness A</b> <b>40027 Career Preparedness B</b> <b>80211af Career Preparedness A EB</b> <b>80211ag Career Preparedness B EB</b>	Computer- .5 credit Computer- .5 credit Computer- .5 credit Computer- .5 credit	Career Preparedness
<b>Required Electives: 3 credits</b>  from <b>Foreign Language</b>  and/or  <b>Arts Education</b>  and/or  <b>Career Technical Education (CTE)</b>	Foreign Language	French, German, Spanish or Latin First year Lang. – Need B average in 8 <sup>th</sup> grade English  Or <b>Second Year</b> – if currently in Foreign Language in 8 <sup>th</sup> grade.
	Arts Education	See course book for classes that satisfy the Arts requirements.
	Career Technical Education (CTE)	See course book for classes that satisfy the CTE requirements.

<b>LUNCH</b>	• 802102ad	• All students will have a lunch and a study (may be in different periods) unless they choose a .5 credit year-long class in place of a study.
<b>STUDY</b>	• 802104ad	

### IMPORTANT DATES!!!!

Feb 18 – Feb 29	Enter course requests in iNOW / Chalkable home portal	<b>Students and parents review course requests and enter course requests through iNOW/Chalkable home portal. Instructions on website.</b>
Monday, Feb 22	5:30 – 7:30 p.m. <b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade VHHS Curriculum Fair / Course Selection Information Night</b> for students and parents (VHHS auditorium)	
Wednesday, February 29	Course Cards due to Homeroom Teacher	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Make sure the course card has a <u>parent signature, student signature and any required teacher signatures.</u></b></li> <li>2. <b>Completely fill out the four-year plan on the back of the card.</b></li> <li>3. <b>Make sure you have entered your course requests online through the home portal in iNOW</b></li> <li>4. <b>If parents have any questions, please write them on a sheet of paper and staple it to the student’s course card to be turned in on February 29.</b></li> </ol>
March 21 – April 22	Summer School Registration	Summer School Flyer and Registration Form will be on the VHHS website.
March 25	<b>Last day to make any requests for course changes without a fee.</b>	All requests for changes must be made to VHHS in writing by a parent. Please include: student’s first and last name, grade, date of request, and course to drop and course to add.
April 4 – May 31	Requests for <b>course changes have a \$50 fee.</b>	All changes must be made in writing by a parent. Please include: student’s first and last name, grade, date of request, and course to drop and course to add. (Checks to VHHS.)
June 1- June 30	Summer School	7:30-2:45 with lunch from 11:30 am-12:00 noon. Summer School flyer on high school website.
Beginning June 1	<b><u>NO COURSE REQUEST CHANGES ALLOWED</u></b>	

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**THE COURSE DESCRIPTION BOOK IS AVAILABLE ON THE HOME PAGE OF THE VHHS WEBSITE.**



